## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

January 27, 2015

Senator Mitch McConnell S-230 The Capitol Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McConnell:

We write today with two purposes. First, thank you for taking up important energy legislation with the Keystone XL Pipeline bill. We understand the Senate will complete your work on this bill this week, and we are grateful that the House and Senate are finally working together to do the people's business.

As you know, appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security expire after February 27, 2015. The House of Representatives has passed responsible legislation (H.R. 240) that funds the Department for the remainder of fiscal year 2015 and defends the separation of powers by stopping President Obama's unconstitutional executive actions.

We write to urge you to bring H.R. 240 to the floor as soon as the Senate completes consideration of Keystone XL. We believe that Senate Republicans must honor the promise they made to the American people last year to stand firm against the President's lawless actions and preserve Congress' constitutional role as a lawmaking body. We believe that bringing H.R. 240 to the floor now is the first step in accomplishing this goal.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue and for your consideration of this important request.

Blessings in Liberty,

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